

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : The business on the agenda paper fixed for to-day is over, and, as you are aware, this is the last sitting of the Council, for within a short time the reformed constitution for the legislature sanctioned by His Highness the Maha Raja will come into force and a new chapter in the history of the Legislature of the State will be commenced soon.

Before parting, I feel it my duty to inform you of the desire of the President to express his extreme regret at not being able to be present on this occasion to bid goodbye to us all in his capacity as President. He has also desired me to convey to you his gratitude for the co-operation and good-will that he has always received here, and expressed a hope 'that the legislative work just finished, and, especially the spirit shown in dealing with and passing the Jenmi-Kudiyar Bill augur well for the future'. In the sentiments contained in this statement I fully agree, for it must be said that any legislature can be proud of the achievements that we have made during this session on the legislative side. We have been able to settle the vexed question that has been troubling a major portion of the population of Travancore, I mean the Jenmies and the Kudiyars in this State. I would lay emphasis upon one particular aspect of the question, *viz.*, that we have been able to try to effectively minimise the ruinous litigation that the State has been having on this account. We have also shown that, whatever our personal feelings may be on such questions, we would by rising above all such considerations succeed in promoting goodwill and harmony among the people in the State. It is clearly with this object in view that we have been settling most of the questions, upon which there has been wide divergence of opinion, by compromises and adjustments. Let us hope that this good-will and harmony will continue and that this institution succeed in effectively carrying out the object for which it has been inaugurated.

With these few words, I adjourn the House.

The House adjourned *sine die* at 8-17 A. M.

A. KUMARA PILLAI,

Secretary to the Legislative Council.